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## Here Are Officers Named At S. F. Convention Of Int. Electrical Workers

San Francisco, Calif.

Officers chosen at the San Francisco convention of the Int. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to serve until the 1948 convention scheduled at Memphis, Tennessee, follow:

President—Dan. W. Tracy.  
Secretary—G. M. Bugniet.  
Treasurer—William A. Hogan.  
Chairman of Executive Council—Charles Paulsen.

1st Vice-President—John Raymond, Windsor, Ontario.

2nd Vice-President—John J. Regan.

3rd Vice-President—Joseph Liggett, Schenectady.

4th Vice-President—Gordon M. Freeman.

5th Vice-President—G. X. Barker.

6th Vice-President—Michael J. Boyle.

7th Vice-President—W. L. Ingram.

8th Vice-President—Wallace C. Wright.

9th Vice-President—J. Scott Milne, San Francisco.

10th Vice-President—John J. Duffy.

Executive Council Members—1st District, Louis P. Marcante; 2nd District, Charles Caffery; 3rd District, Oliver Meyers; 4th District, Carl Scholtz; 5th District, Harry Broach; 6th District, Lawson Wimberly; 7th District, Charles Fehn; 8th District, Keith Cockburn.

Delegates to AFL Convention—Frank C. Riley of Detroit; Frank Jacobs of St. Louis.

Delegates to Building Trades Department of AFL—Guy Alexander, Minneapolis; Patrick Sullivan, Chicago.

Delegates to Metal Trades Department of AFL—M. L. Ratcliff, San Diego; John F. Schlitz, Chicago.

Delegates to Label Trades Department of AFL—Shands Morgan, Memphis.

Delegates to Trades and Labor Congress of Canada—L. A. McEwan, Montreal.

## Painters Ask End Of Board

San Francisco, Calif.

Abolition of the Wage Adjustment Board was favored in a resolution adopted here this week at the international convention of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers. The resolution asks withdrawal of AFL members from the board and attacked the board itself as "having outlived its usefulness."

After sharp debate, the convention turned down a resolution asking AFL affiliation with the WFTU (World Federation of Trade Unions). The resolution favoring affiliation was introduced by Courtney Ward of Cleveland, Clarence Tobey, Louis Weinstock of New York and others. John J. Doyle and Samuel Lemkin of New York led the fight against it.

The convention voted not to endorse any candidate for re-election to Congress who knifed OPA or voted against labor bills.

In the spray gun issue, the convention recommended that the Brotherhood draw up national health standards, and left it to the local unions to determine latitude in the use of spray painting. However, the Brotherhood officials were instructed to campaign for federal and state legislation to protect the health of spray-gun painters. Election of most incumbent officers, including Gen. Pres. L. P. Lindelof and Gen. Secy-Treas. L. M. Raftery featured the convention.

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## Agrillo Visits Union Officials

Anthony Agrillo, new vice president of the California State Federation of Labor, made an extended trip throughout his territory last week, visiting in San Mateo, Watsonville Santa Cruz, Monterey and Salinas.

He visited union officials where possible and attended labor council meetings in Santa Cruz and Salinas.

During the week also, he sent out letters to unions pledging his support as Federation official.

## New Office Hours For Local 890

Fruit & Produce Drivers and Warehousemen's Union 890 this week announced new office hours, which will give better service to members.

The Salinas office will be open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Watsonville office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

## Box Makers Hear Shelley

Box Makers Union 3034 of Salinas was visited by State Senator Jack Shelley, candidate for election as lieutenant-governor, at last week's meeting, reports Business Representative J. W. Deer of the union.

Shelley addressed the group for a few moments, telling something of his background in labor as president of the San Francisco Labor Council. He was accompanied by State Assemblyman Fred Emley.

A good turnout at the meeting heard reports that the contracts covering employees for the E. E. Hardin Packing Co. and the Ralph E. Myers Co. are being signed. Efforts are being made to cover those workers at Metzger Box Co. with a contract, Deer said. One new member was initiated.

## CAN YOU HELP THESE PEOPLE?

Six people, with only one employed and another an invalid, are in need of a home with a reasonable rent and all union members are urged to see if they can give some aid in a deserving case.

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Warehousemen 890, reports that Ethyl Kusiek, a member of his union employed at Spigel Foods, is now forced to pay \$80 a month rent. Mrs. Kusiek cares for her own child and for an invalid sister and her three children, but must find a more reasonable place to rent.

Anyone knowing of a home these people might rent can reach Mrs. Kusiek at her present residence, 44 Capital Ave., Salinas, or can contact Andrade at the Warehousemen's Union, Main & John Streets, Salinas (phone 4893).

## Frannie, Bernie Still Need Home

Frances Dougwell and Bernice Redlin, office secretaries of Fruit and Produce Drivers and Warehousemen's Union 890 of Salinas are still looking for an apartment to rent. They have to move out of their present locations and must find something soon. Anyone knowing of an apartment they can rent (furnished), can reach the girls by telephoning Salinas 4893.

## Salinas Dressed Beef Company Operating Again

With repairs from a recent fire sufficiently completed, the Salinas Dressed Beef Co. is again conducting business, reports Business Agent E. L. Courtwright of Butchers Union 506.

Courtwright, also secretary of the Salinas labor council, said the firm has a 100 per cent union contract with Local 506.

## Vet Housing Project Here

Thirty-five new homes for veterans were started at Pacific Grove last week by the Charles Uhl Construction Co. of New York, reports Business Agent F. O. Easton of the Monterey County Building Trades Council.

Easton said this project is only the first of several expected to be started on the Monterey Peninsula shortly.

## Fish Cannery Pick Leaders Next Month

Annual election of officers for the Monterey County Fish Cannery Workers Union of the Pacific will be held next month, probably about October 10, it was announced following nominations for officers at a meeting this week.

Business Agent Lester Caveny and Secretary Roy Humbricht said they have been unusually busy during past week, despite the small catches of sardines, due to many minor disputes and small cases brought before them for settlement.

Newest difficulty encountered, however, was caused when the Monterey Police Department banned parking of cars on Cannery Row's main thoroughfare, Ocean Ave.

Employees who now have to leave their machines parked on side streets, have informed the union that accessories have been taken from the machines, sometimes with damage to the cars themselves. Even tires have been stolen, it was reported.

Caveny said he was contacting the police department to seek more adequate lighting on these side streets and an improvement in the night police patrol system here, in order to provide better protection for the cars of working union members.

## Shelley Speaks At Labor-Demo Meet in Salinas

Jack Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, state senator, and candidate for election as lieutenant-governor of California, was guest of honor at a Democratic Party-Labor meeting at the Hotel Jeffrey in Salinas last week. Introduced by J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers 272, who acted as toastmaster, Shelley told of his campaign progress and discussed current matters. Some 50 labor leaders and Democratic Party heads attended.

During his Salinas stay, Shelley made four public appearances in one evening, McGinley said.

## Silliman Speaks To Salinas CLC

James Silliman, candidate for election as state assemblyman to succeed incumbent Assemblyman Fred Emley, spoke briefly to the delegates to the Salinas Central Labor Council last week.

Silliman said he is of the "Earl Warren school of thought" and believes in a progressive program. He declared that for the "last two years there has been nothing done legislatively for the district or the people of the district."

## Monterey CLC Has Meeting

Regular meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council last week was well attended but was generally routine in nature, reports President E. D. McCutcheon.

With the return of Secretary Wayne Edwards of the Council, meetings will be held regularly again on the first and third Tuesday nights at Bartenders Hall. During the absence of Edwards, the Council discontinued regular meetings to meet only on call.

## Justice Dept. Tries to Scare Can Companies

American Can Co. and Continental Can Co. are defendants in civil suits filed on anti-trust charges, the Justice Dept. announced.

The companies, top dogs in the manufacture of metal and fibre food containers and of container-sealing machines, have for 30 years been making machinery purchasers promise to buy all containers from them alone. Together they produce more than 85 per cent of such machinery and containers in the U.S.

## Average Workweek in Michigan 38.8 Hours

Lansing, Michigan. The average workweek in Michigan industry in July was 38.8 hours and the average weekly pay \$50.87, or \$1.317 per hour including overtime, says the State Department of Labor and Industry.

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## GI's Resentment Against Trainee Pay Cut Growing

Washington, D. C.

Rumblings of dissatisfaction among America's 61,000 building trades apprentices at the new income ceilings allowed under the GI bill of rights caused the Federal Committee on Apprenticeship to urge trainees to stay on the job in spite of a drastic cut in their earnings.

Although no complete figures are available, the indications are that some apprentices are already leaving for other jobs with higher weekly pay, since the last-minute congressional slash in GI allowances put a ceiling of \$40 a week on the single trainee's earnings, and \$46 for the married.

Labor Dept. spokesmen told Federated Press that 84 per cent of building trades apprentices are ex-servicemen, most of whom are drawing subsistence allowances from the government to supplement beginning wages. The GI bill payments helped attract over 5,000 new apprentices during July alone, FP was told.

Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt, the Labor Dept. said, had recently stated the building trades could use three times the number of apprentices now in training if the emergency housing program is to be carried out on schedule.

Wyatt's timetable, which he terms a minimum one, calls for 2,700,000 housing units by the end of 1947. The Veterans Administration offered slight consolation to veterans by announcing that trainees keeping on with a training course should notify VA to stop counting the time against their eligibility. This will leave the door open for future training or schooling, VA says.

The new limits apply to both full time trainees and students under the GI bill who are working on the side. It will not apply to disabled veterans enrolled under Public Law 16.

## Hatters Launch 5-Year Plan to Push the Label

New York City. Embarking on a 5-year nationwide advertising campaign, the United Hatters Cap & Millinery Workers Union (AFL) announced its determination to make America's workers more union label conscious.

Announcing the opening of the campaign, Pres. Max Zaritsky said union members will contribute \$3 a year to finance an educational broadside that will include radio, movies, slide films, direct mail and newspaper advertising, mostly in labor publications.

Zaritsky said many people have deplored labor's failure to patronize union goods and services but pointed out that "a business that fails to advertise shouldn't be astonished if no customers come to the store."

"We want to bring this to the attention of hundreds of thousands of trade unionists, not only to promote patronage of our union label, but to bring greater appreciation of the sacrifice and achievement of the American labor movement which was the foundation of our modern streamlined organizations."

## Court Rules Whitewashing Of Unit Vote

Atlanta, Georgia

Although admitting that the county unit voting system causes "glaring inequality" among Georgia voters, a 3-judge federal court here refused to invalidate the recent primaries under which Eugene Talmadge won nomination as governor despite a popular majority of about 14,000 for his opponent, James V. Carmichael.

The court contended that the voting system violates no constitutional guarantees of equal rights and said the system should be changed by changing the state law instead of appealing to the courts.

### PROF. FILES SUIT

The decision was handed down in response to application for an injunction against Talmadge's taking office. The suit was filed by Dr. Cullen B. Gosnell, professor at Emory University, and Mrs. Robert L. Turman, former president of the Atlanta League of Women Voters, who contended the voting system had violated their constitutional rights under the 14th amendment.

Under the unit system, the candidate carrying the county wins the unit vote for the whole county.

A majority of unit votes determines the winner. However, Fulton County, seat of the state capital and possessing a population of more than 400,000, has only six unit votes while Chattahoochee, with fewer than 1500, has two votes. A candidate winning three rural counties with a total population of less than 5000 could offset the vote of the almost half-million people of Atlanta.

### NO EQUAL RIGHTS

The judges declared: "Our system of government, state and federal, has never sought nor demanded that each voter should have equal voting influence, though that might seem an ideal of democracy."

The unit vote system, they said, also was used in the electoral college in choosing a President and as a result there have been Presidents who lacked a majority of popular votes.

Former Chief Justice Charles S. Reid of the Georgia supreme court said the decision would be appealed.

## Arrest Pickets For Protesting Against Fascists

New York City

Four American seamen, a labor press photographer and a physician were arrested here as the result of a protest by unionists against the fact that ships from Franco Spain are making quick scurrying visits to New York harbor.

Usually the ships come in and dash out again so quickly that no effective protest can be lodged. When the SS Marques de Comillas docked here some 600 unionists, seamen, veterans and others paraded before the ship's dock with placards declaring: No U.S. Trade With Franco Spain, Keep Fascist Ships From U.S. Ports and Break With Fascist Spain.

Then it was discovered that unknown anti-fascist waterfront workers had painted a huge sign on the vessel's stern: Down With Fascist Spain.

A photographer from the NMU Pilot, four seamen and the physician obtained a launch and rode out to take photos of the sign. A police launch quickly intercepted, searched and arrested them.

They were held for four hours and questioned by police and FBI while authorities checked with the Spanish vice consul and the ship's captain as to whether they wished to prefer charges. The vice consul vetoed the idea. It would cause too much publicity, he said.

## Cleveland Carpenter Union to Work Only On Veterans Housing

Cleveland, Ohio.

The United Bro. of Carpenters & Joiners (AFL) here ordered its 4500 members to refuse to work on anything but housing for veterans. The order was in protest against a Wage Adjustment Board order slicing their wages 2 1/2% an hour. Union officials said vets housing was on their "must" list but the carpenters would touch no other construction until the order was adjusted.

## Sailors 'Hit the Bricks'



Above is a typical view of members of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific as they left their ships in protest against the Wage Stabilization Board's ruling cutting wages previously granted. This photo was taken in an Eastern port, but pictures like this were common.

## REDWOOD TENANTS EVICTED

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

The strike of the lumber workers in Humboldt County has already attracted the attention of organized labor because of the persistence these workers have shown in standing up for their demands. The employers have adopted many tactics designed to break the strike, the latest of which is an old trick that has not been used in the field of labor relations for a number of years.

Many of the lumber workers live in so-called company houses, and the lumber companies have proceeded to evict all strikers. The employers, however, have not been content with the eviction of strikers living in company houses, but they have applied pressure to other home owners to either evict or raise, by fantastic amounts, the rents which strikers are paying.

Since Humboldt County is not under OPA rent control, these company houses have been able to proceed in this high-handed manner. Cases in which rents have been raised from 200 to 500 per cent have been reported, such raises being designed to break the support of the strikers.

### ASK RENT CONTROL

To meet this situation, the California State Federation of Labor has urged OPA to immediately put Humboldt County under rent control and has sent them the following telegram:

"Urgent that rent controls be imposed on all rented dwellings in Humboldt County, Calif. Wholesale evictions now taking place and rent increases ranging from two hundred to five hundred per cent are common occurrences. Situation arises out of strike among lumber workers. Companies attempting to break strike by taking advantage of lack of OPA controls. We urgently request you take necessary immediate action."

The need for rent control in this area, whatever the cause, is so apparent.

## Clip and Keep UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Series V

(17) Q—How can a veteran qualify to receive allowances?

A—The Department of Employment office nearest the veteran's home will determine whether the veteran has served long enough in the armed forces and is entitled to receive readjustment allowances. Such a finding is known as a "Determination of Entitlement."

(18) Q—What are the requirements for a self-employed veteran to be eligible for a readjustment allowance?

A—He must have been fully engaged in the carrying on of his business during all of the previous month to the exclusion of any employment for wages and have net earnings from his business of less than \$100 for the month for which he claims a readjustment allowance.

(19) Q—How much allowance will a self-employed veteran receive?

A—If the net earnings are less than \$100, he will be entitled to the difference between his net earnings and \$100. He will be charged with five weeks' readjustment allowance for each such payment.

(20) Q—If the veteran's permanent home is in another state, could he make his application in California?

A—Yes. He could apply in the state in which is at present residing regardless of where his permanent home may be.

## Rocket Bombs Pikers Compared With Pepper

New York City.

The OPA removed price ceilings on a lot of items including black pepper. The maximum had been 15c a pound. On Aug. 27 the price of black pepper jumped 400% to 60c a pound. Nothing to sneeze at!

Apparently necessary, that it is expected that OPA will comply with this request and will nullify these underhanded tactics which have been perpetrated by the employers.

## LaGuardia in Berlin



United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Director Fiorello LaGuardia arrives in Berlin wearing a light sombrero instead of his familiar black one. He criticized the U. S. Army for its displaced persons policy and replaced British Gen. Morgan as UNRRA chief in Germany. (Federated Pictures.)

## Register Now!

Wednesday, September 25, is the LAST DAY you can register to vote the final general election of November 5. If you were not registered to vote in the last primary election and have not registered since, then you must register NOW in order to vote November 5.

Great issues of vital concern to Labor are at stake in the November final—support of important initiative measures on the ballot; support of progressive, labor-backed congressmen and state legislators; support of John F. Shelley for Lieutenant-Governor of California.

Go down to your County Clerk's office NOW, and register. See that your wife, husband, son, daughter, mother, father, brother, sister is registered!



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## GREASING THE SKIDS

Last May we featured an article in this paper on the topic of "Oil!" We said that the next World War, if it came, could easily start over the issue of exploitation of oil reserves in the Near East. We suggested that the United Nations give this problem No. 1 priority—that we carry out the pledge in the Atlantic Charter about making the world's key sources available to all. Nothing has been done. The Lion and the Bear are growling more fiercely, and the Eagle, while primarily concerned over its own interests, is doing some screeching also. The jockeying for position and vantage to control Mediterranean waterways and Near East oil resources can only result in sharper lines of cleavage between the "blocs." From this can come "incidents," and from these can come the sparks that touch off the explosion.

The United Nations is the last hope. That honorable body has not begun to touch the vital problems of this earth. After the first flush of idealist slogans and rosy resolutions, is it, too, to go the way of the pious, puny League of Nations that appeased and nurtured fascism into a Frankenstein?

## GET OUR BOYS HOME!

There is no use in kidding ourselves. We cannot help restore peace in China by keeping American troops there, and the longer we keep troops there the greater the likelihood of incidents that will result in the death of American soldiers. Our troops are committed to aiding Chiang, regardless of what is said to the contrary. With the civil war intensifying and spreading, the Communists are likely to consider anybody an enemy who aids the Chiang forces. Before the American people realize what is going on, American troops can thus be involved in shooting war with the Communists. If this happens, and the Soviet Union decides to furnish the Communists with munitions, supplies and military advisors, we can have the beginnings of the Third World War.

If it is "right" for us to intervene on one side, then it is "right" for another nation to intervene on the other. The only thing to do is for all outside countries to keep hands off, and let the Chinese people battle it out themselves. We are already up to our necks in involvement, and the situation is explosive.

## SPEAKING OF THE 'VETO'

It strikes us that Congressman Charles R. Savage of Washington had something on the ball when, among other things, he recently told a labor convention the following.

"United States opposition to the veto power is so much nonsense... We have vetoed effective action against Franco Spain—an issue on which, as I have pointed out several times on the floor of the House and in public speeches, the position of the United States is decisive..."

"We have, in effect, vetoed all proposals to advance the national liberation of the colonial people... We have vetoed the resurrection of democracy in Greece and helped the British maintain Fascist collaborators in power... We are threatening to veto the re-constitution of a united and democratic Germany in violation of the Potsdam pledge. In China we have effectively vetoed that country's democratic unification and the formation of a truly democratic coalition government."

One could mention a lot of other instances when we, in effect, exercised the veto power in international matters, but that's enough for a starter.

## FORMULA FOR FIZZLE

Figures recently released by a government agency show that most of the \$80 billion war savings are held by the top 30 per cent of the people, while the bottom 40 per cent of the people have only a tiny fraction of the savings. Question: How long will we have prosperity if half the people can't afford to buy anything?

## DEMOCRACY A LA CAROLINA

The U. S. State Department has "cautioned" Poland about carrying out her pledge for "free elections." The poles can surely learn something about democracy from Secretary of State Byrnes who comes from glorious South Carolina—the land of poll taxes and white primaries.

## 'O, WAD SOME POWER'

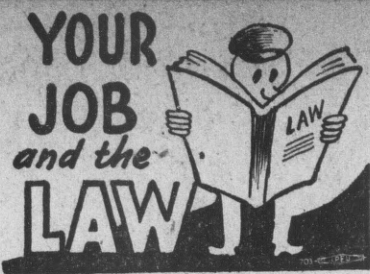
Ever hear of the double standard of international morality? It goes like this: The Dardanelles must be internationalized, but the Panama Canal, the Suez Canal and the Gibraltar gateway must not be internationalized.

## CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

William C. Bullitt wants us to drop an atom bomb on an ally of World War II, but we think the cause of world peace would be better served if somebody dropped one on Bullitt.

## SERVICE WITH A SMILE

When World War II started, everybody said to take the profits out of war. The war contractors are very obliging cusses and how they proceeded to take them!



## YOUR JOB and the LAW

By JACK ABBOTT  
Veteran Promotions

Is a returned veteran legally entitled to a promotion which he might have received had he been continuously on the job? Courts and arbitrators have differed, though recent decisions indicate a trend toward recognizing such a right in certain types of cases.

If promotions are based on seniority solely, chances are the veteran will get the promotion. If merit is a factor, however, the chances don't look so bright. It has been asserted that in the second class of cases the veteran ought to have a reasonable opportunity to be tried in the new job. A surer technique is that recently adopted by one union which got such a right guaranteed in the contract with the employer (Celotex Corp.). Only requirement is that the veteran be qualified for the new job.

## New Plants

So-called master agreements between unions and an association of employers cannot be extended to an employer's new plant until a representative number of employees are working in the new plant and have voted for the union which holds the master contract. Premature extension of such a contract to the new plant has been held to be illegal assistance to the contracting union.

## Temporary Employment

Under a union shop contract there was a 90-day probationary period for new employees. At the time of his induction, a veteran had worked for 85 days. The contract provided that eligible new employees must join the union within 90 days. The veteran had not joined. On his return, he contended that the time he spent in the service should be added to the 85 days, thus entitling him to reinstatement under the draft law. However, a Utah district court has recently decided otherwise.

## Illegal Cut

Certain union officers, under a union contract, were paid the highest existing rate in the plant. When the contract ended the company reduced them to their lower, regular job rates. Since, however, wage stabilization rules forbade unapproved cuts, the reduction was held illegal.

## Vets Building Program Gets Overhauling

Washington, D. C.  
A series of sweeping changes in administrative procedure designed to speed up the veterans home-building program were announced by Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt and Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small.

Principal improvement will stem from the new order that 75 per cent of all dealer and distributor receipts of 43 short housing materials must be held for priority holders. Even larger proportions must be set aside for another 14 critical items, all of which are to be held indefinitely. Heretofore, only 21-30 day reserves were required.

## ADD TO PRIORITIES

At the same time 27 materials were added to the priorities list, with only 5 per cent of the supply expected to go to non-housing priority jobs. Among these are Veterans Administration hospitals and Red Cross disaster relief projects.

The permitted weekly volume of non-housing construction will be lowered by degrees from \$48.8 million to a goal of \$35 million, with provision for more rigid review of non-housing construction applications. CPA, which handles non-housing applications, announced approval of close to \$35 million for the week of Aug. 15. This figure is considerably lower than the 20-week average of \$89 million weekly.

## TO ENFORCE PRIORITIES?

Wyatt also announced delegation to OPA of the enforcement of maximum sales prices and veterans preference requirements in the new housing program. OPA will have the power to deny priorities assistance to builders who break the rules, and will take up criminal prosecutions with the Attorney General's office. Veteran purchasers will have one year to apply for redress in the courts against overcharge.

OPA, he said, will soon make detailed announcement of its program to keep the lid on home prices, in the face of the builders drive for quick profits.

With Local 890  
FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS,  
WAREHOUSEMEN AND  
EMPLOYEES UNION

Main and John Streets  
Salinas, California

SPIEGL FOODS COMPANY MEMBERS: It has been brought to the attention of the Union that the management at this plant was deducting the shift premium in computing overtime to our workers. We might point out that this matter has been corrected. The error was a result of a misinterpretation of the agreement; and in the future in computing your time it will be done as

in the following example: If your regular rate is \$1.00 per hour and you are employed on the grave yard shift which adds an additional 10c per hour and if you worked nine hours you will then have one hour overtime at the rate of \$1.10 plus 55c, making a total of \$1.65 for the overtime hour. This is merely used as an example and when computing overtime you first add your premium pay to the regular time and if it is a 5c premium then the overtime would be .075c.

Many of our workers at Spiegel Foods Company employed in the kitchen have complained about working 40 hours a week. This Union is striving towards the end that all work performed after 8 hours and 40 hours in any week should be paid at the rate of time and one-half. It is our desire and the desire of all working people that the work week should be shortened but that wages should be increased. Although your take-home pay may suffer, it will be necessary that in the not too distant future the work be divided among more people; and that is the reason why your Union will ultimately fight for a shorter work week and higher rates of pay. This, however, will be brought about through greater productivity and where a normal situation will have to exist.

It is also the desire of this Union that guaranteed annual pay be an integral part of all agreements. It is very likely that it will be possible to work such a condition into the next Spiegel Foods agreement. The Company has assured the Union that it will make every attempt to guarantee full employment the year 'round. These conditions of course will be brought about only if a mutual understanding on all phases of the industry is finally resolved. Your Union has every confidence that through fair play and the proper kind of Union militancy that our members will in the long run benefit in wages, hours and conditions.

PRODUCE DRIVERS IN ALL AREAS: By the time you read this, a master agreement will have been prepared which will govern the 1947 agreement. As you know, at our last meeting, it was pointed out that the new agreement will include all areas governing eight local Unions. This agreement will be negotiated as a master agreement. Before this is done, however, we will all meet together in the various areas to discuss all phases of the agreement. Your able representative, President Albert Harris, recently returned from Los Angeles where he attended a meeting and at this meeting he was appointed Chairman of the Negotiating Committee for the whole group. The agreement is now being drawn and copies will be mailed to the various locals for action. That same condition will apply here and you will all be notified to attend a special meeting for that purpose.

On October 1, your Union will notify all Shipper-Growers as well as the independentists that it is our desire to negotiate an entirely new agreement covering all phases of produce hauling.

RAITER CANNING COMPANY EMPLOYEES: Your Union is indeed gratified and wishes to congratulate Raiter Canning Company employees for choosing our Union for the second time in an official National Labor Relations Board election conducted by the U. S. Government. The overwhelming majority of 10 to 1 is indeed a feat for the CIO factions who have from time to time attempted to encroach upon and raid a sound Union. The CIO has never been able to defeat this Local Union in an election to this date. This is attributed to the record of this Union and the members who uphold the principles of organized labor.

On Thursday, Sept. 5, Frank Raiter Canning Company paid off to between 20 and 30 members of our Union the increases for spinach during the period immediately following March 1, 1946. This was brought about as a result of the company posting a five thousand dollar cash bond. The bond was released to the company immediately following payment. Although the spinach was of a short duration, the piece work increases as it had been agreed to and negotiated, ranged from \$30 to \$70 per person. We advise all of our members who worked at the Raiter Canning Company during that period immediately following March 1 and who were piece workers to call at the Raiter Canning Company for their back pay checks.

Your Union Representative will immediately meet with the management to evaluate all jobs so that every person will be properly classified during the tomato season. The Committee at this cannery comprised of Al Breaum, Davis, Agapita Perez and Ida Gee will meet periodically in order that a close association be maintained at the Raiter Canning Company insofar as our agreement is concerned. There are a number of troublesome things at this plant which must be corrected.

TO EMPLOYEES AT THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES: S. P. Milling Company, Mitchell Silman and Eckhardt Seed Company. These companies will be notified very soon that it is the desire of our Union to open the present working agreement to consider wages and hours. You will be notified very soon to attend a special meeting in this group so that we can discuss this particular industry and what we can expect to get.

C. B. GENTRY COMPANY EMPLOYEES: Recently some misunderstandings at this plant were corrected as a result of a committee meeting between the Union and the Company. It is indeed gratifying to know that some of our Shop Stewards at this plant are doing a fine job in preventing repetition of such things as wet floors and certain other hazards which make it unsafe for the workers and the management as well.

WATSONVILLE CANNING CO. EMPLOYEES: On Wednesday, September 4, a large initiation took place at the Odd Fellows Hall for our members employed at the Watsonville Canning Company. Also at this meeting there were members who are currently employed as produce drivers and members who are employed in the various ice houses in the area. Immediately following the meeting refreshments were served and the new people who were initiated were formally made acquainted with the rest of our members in that district.

We again wish to report that our Watsonville office has been moved to 322 Walker Street, next to George's Club and our office Secretary Lucille Fluhart will serve you between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday.

Many of our members employed at the Watsonville Canning Company were not initiated after notices have been sent to them they will be given another notice and if they fail to appear without a proper excuse will forfeit all monies paid to the Local Union.

TO ALL VOTING PEOPLE: If you have not registered to vote, please do so immediately. The closing date for registration is Sept. 26. Fruit and Produce Drivers, Warehousemen and Employees Union Local 890 has a registrar to register you for the coming election. Remember that there are many important conditions which will be decided as a result of the coming November election which may affect the welfare of the working people in this district. It is important that you vote. It is mandatory as a member of Local 890 that you register to vote if you are a citizen; and if you are not a citizen, take the necessary steps to become one. Any assistance or information may be procured at the office of the Union.

Your Union will continually keep reminding you to abide by and accept all of the conditions which govern certain commodities under OPA controls. Remember to take notice of price ceilings on anything that you buy and if you feel you are being overcharged, report it immediately to the local Price Rationing Board or report it to the office of the Union. It is indeed useless to demand and exact wages if there is no control over the cost of living. It will be necessary that you do this until such a time as there is ample supply of the necessary commodity so that competition will be fair and equitable. Your Union is earnestly requesting that you work with the local office of the price administration so that all violations will be brought to task.

The following received sick benefit checks this week: Monica Teves, Salinas; Ben Geary, Salinas; Earl Johnson, Salinas; B. F. Hardin, Salinas.

## So They Think

The Seven Ages of Woman: The infant, the little girl, the miss, the young woman, the young woman, the young woman, the young woman.

## GIGGLES AND GROANS

## INTERESTING PLACE

MOE: "Say, what kind of a place is Arabia?"  
ZOE: "Oh, that's where everybody dances sheik to sheik."

## HAIR-RAISING SITUATION

MOITIE: "I see that new boy friend of yours has a beard. How can you stand a man with a beard?"  
GOITIE: "Oh, it grows on one."

## OAT DIET NEEDED

IRATE PLAINTIFF: "Judge, I want a divorce!"  
JUDGE: "What's the matter? Isn't your husband steady and doesn't he work hard?"

IRATE PLAINTIFF: "That's the trouble, Judge. He works like a horse and at night all he wants to do is to hit the hay!"  
SIMPLY UPLIFTING  
FIRST MOTORIST: "I love the beauties of the countryside."  
SECOND MOTORIST: "So do I. Sometimes I give 'em a lift."

## OBSVIOUSLY ANTHROPOIDAL

A lady returning to this country in prewar days after a trip to England was asked the usual question by a Customs official:  
"Have you anything to declare?"  
"No," she replied sweetly, "I have nothing to declare."

"Then, madam," he asked, "am I to understand that the fur tail hanging below your coat is your own?"

## THE SURE TEST

"Joe, dear," said the bride, "let's try to make people think we've been married a long time."  
"All right, darling," was the reply. "You carry the suitcases."

## IMPERVIOUS WALL-NUTS

In trying to convey an important idea to another person, the Irishman said, "If I can get this one idea into your head, you will have it in a nut shell."

## EXPERIENCED UNDOING

MOVIE DIRECTOR: "Unmarried?"  
APPLICANT: "Twice."

## JUST A KILLJOY

COSTELLO: "I took a girl to the beach and taught her how to swim."  
ABBOTT: "What happened?"  
COSTELLO: "The life guard made us go in the water!"

## TERMINATION—PERIOD

RUDY VALLEE: "Pinky, if you were an Indian and had 10 children, would you call them paposes or paposes?"  
PINKY LEE: "If I had 10 children I'd call it quits."

## LB Decision

## Hits Unfair

## Labor Stand

Washington, D. C.  
The NLRB established an important precedent in pre-collective bargaining election activity recently when it ruled that an employer who forced his workers to attend anti-union speeches on working time committed an unfair labor practice.

The case on which the ruling was based involved Clark Bros. Co., Olean, N. Y., the United Auto Workers, and Employees Assn. Inc. of Clark Bros. Co., an affiliate of the Confederated Union of America. Board Member Gerald D. Reilly dissented from Chmn. Paul Herzog and John Houston in their finding that the company carried on illegal activities to prevent the union from winning a plant election.

## SAY LAW VIOLATED

In forcing the workers to listen to an anti-union address one hour before the voting, the NLRB majority said: "The employer's purpose was not merely to express its views, but rather to engage in an organized, intensive and aggressive campaign forming part of a general course of conduct aimed at achieving objectives forbidden by the Wagner Act."

Previously the workers had been addressed in the plant on the community chest, Red Cross and bond drives—but only during the lunch hour. The pre-election speeches were delivered in the plant on working time after the power and engines were shut down and foremen had directed employees to assemble.

## ANTI-UNION ATTITUDE

During the organizing drive the union was prevented from signing up new members within the plant even during non-working time. The company distributed anti-union literature at the plant and the independent union was permitted to organize within the gates.

In finding the forced speeches illegal the NLRB majority said: "We must perform our function of protecting employees against that use of the employer's economic power which is inherent in his ability to control their actions during working hours."

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BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Office, John and Main, at 5 p.m. Pres. Louie Grasso, 251 Clay St., phone 8819. Bus. Agent, Cecil L. Bradford, Office at 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, at 8 p.m. Pres. John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal, Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 207 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 2 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Secy., Bertha Boles. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4717.

BOXMAKERS AND SHED WORKERS 3034—Meet 1st Thursday at Labor Temple at 8 p.m. Pres. Jack Long, 720 E. Market, Secretary, Lynn Hutson, 117 Pajaro St. Bus. Agt. and office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4717.

BUTCHERS 506 (SALINAS BRANCH)—Pres. Geo. Gilbert, Fin. Sec., E. L. Courtright, 329 Quilla St., Salinas, phone Salinas 6238. Exec. Secy., Earl Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 2132.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30, Carpenters Hall, North Main Street, Pres. Ray Luna; Vice-Pres., I. R. Miller. Business Agent, George Hunter, 422 North Main Street, phone 5721. Financial Secy., L. H. Taft, 243 Clay Street, phone 4246. Treas., O. L. Little, Recording Secy., A. O. Miller, 422 N. Main, phone 5721.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Carpenters Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres. Mrs. Ray Luna, 1214 2nd Ave.; Sec., Mrs. Carolyn Darling, Rt. 2, Box 582, Watsonville.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (MONTEREY COUNTY)—Meets every Friday evening at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. President, Albert Every, Res., 36 Spring St. Sec.-Treas., Peter A. Andrade. Office ph. 4893.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meetings subject to call. Secy., Bertha Boles. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wed. of each month at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., L. E. Towle, 118 Harvest St.; Rec. Secy., J. H. Fuson, 34 Felice St.; Fin. Secy., E. R. Silk, 129 Rodco Avenue; Bus. Mgr., W. E. Lee, 1251 E. Alisal.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., 8:30 p.m. Pres. Bruce Murdoch, P.O. Box 663; Sec. Harry Voshburg, 404 Calif. St., phone 4972; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, P.O. Box 973, Watsonville.

LABORERS 272—Meets second Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6939. J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas. Bus. Agt. J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

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LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4280; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple at 5:30 p.m. Pres. Mildred Clayton, 18 McFadden Rd. Secy., Lester Williams, 19 Capitol, phone 3706. Bus. Agt. and office, J. W. Deer, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 4717.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tues., 117 Pajaro St., at 7:30 p.m. Pres. Earl Ross, Res. 129 Dennis St. Fin.-Sec.-Business Rep., Donald McBeth, Res. 589 El Camino Real, North, P.O. Box 114, East Salinas Branch. Res. phone 9770, office phone 8783. Rec. Sec., Dennis Hartman, Res. 614 Mae Ave.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodco Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, phone 1425. Pres., Don Erick.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 503—Meets Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Al Every; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, C. Russell Walker, 312-B Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 9259. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex. Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Wednesday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Rome Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schireck, 636 El Camino Real, No. phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets 4th Friday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., Edward C. Bey, P.O. Box 541, Salinas; Sec., John H. LaFreniere, Rt. 3, Box 371, Watsonville.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets on call of President Leon Edner. Fin.-Sec., R. L. Matheson, Res. 158 Central Ave. Phone, Office, 4938. ROPEERS 56—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres. James M. Ray, 525 San Benito, Salinas, phone 9034; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Haskell Warren, P.O. Box 513, Carmel. Fin. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777.

Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 Alvarado St., Monterey. STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple. Pres., R. H. Clinch, 348 West Street. Vice-Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street. Secy.-Treas., W. Y. Karchir, 20 Natividad Road, Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays, Spreckels Fire Hall, at 8 p.m. President, J. Collins; Secretary-Treasurer, R. MacRossi; Recording Secretary, L. Ferreira.

TEAMSTERS 287—Meet 2nd Wednesday at Carpenters Hall, North Main St. Pres., Thos. Brett. Bus. Rep., Frank Stevens. Sec.-Treas., George Jennott, 941 The Alameda, San Jose. Office phone Salinas 7531.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every month, 9:30 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., phone 975. Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, phone 167.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

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## CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL MINUTES

The meeting was called to order Sept. 3, 1946, by Pres. McCutcheon. The roll-call showed the presence of eight delegates from five locals. Officers present were Pres. McCutcheon, Vice-Pres. Johnson and Sec. Treas. Edwards.

The regular order of business was suspended to consider the case of the Snack Bar. The Culinary Alliance charged that the proprietor, Walter Arkish, refused to operate as a union house. A representative of Mr. Arkish was present. He explained that Mr. Arkish had no quarrel with the union, but had never signed the agreement. He did not wish to quarrel with the union, but desired to operate open-shop. He also expressed the belief that Mr. Arkish would reach an agreement with the Culinary Alliance if negotiations were renewed. Because of this attitude, it was moved, seconded and passed to postpone further action until the next meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of June 4 were read and approved as read.

It was moved, seconded and passed to pay the bill presented by the secretary for stamps and telegrams to the amount of five dollars.

The Barbers reported that they are now 100% organized and thanked the Council for its efforts in achieving this end.

The Butchers reported a regular meeting and a few new members initiated. Their membership is now about 90. Their business agent is a busy man, having charge of the district that includes Watsonville, Monterey and Salinas, and is also secretary of the Salinas Central Labor Council.

The Culinary Alliance reported 17 new members. They reported a shortage of some classes of workers—especially dishwashers. Some of their members have taken jobs in the canneries.

The Glass Bottle Blowers reported that they are negotiating a new contract and that there is some difference of opinion regarding its terms.

The financial statement was read and accepted and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## Crew Spokesmen On Swedish Ships

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (ILNS)—By agreement between the Swedish Shipowners' Association and the Swedish Seamen's Union, crew spokesmen will be introduced on all Swedish commercial ships. Each crew will nominate one representative (with at least four years' seafaring experience), through whom any complaint or other petitions regarding conditions on board ship can be made.

Before putting complaints or other matters before the responsible officers, the crew spokesman will have to satisfy himself that to the best of his judgment, they are morally and legally justified. He may refuse to forward complaints or other applications from individual members of the crew, unless half of the crew vote favorably. Another of crew spokesman's tasks will be to see to it that members of the crew, especially when signing off a ship, leave their quarters neat and orderly.

Meeting of Monterey County Central Labor Council, August 30, called to order by President Deer at 8 p.m., with a salute to the flag. The roll was called and the absentees were noted. The minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and approved as read by Sister Bertha A. Boles. Credentials of Sugar Workers Union for Bro. Mattart, investigated and seated.

**UNION REPORTS**  
Barbers, no meeting, but contract has been signed. Bartenders, no meeting. Culinary Alliance, Jeffery Coffee Shop opened and 100 per cent union conditions are good. Laborers, Brother McGinley gave a report as a visitor to the Council. He is one of the oldest delegates to the Monterey County Central Labor Council. Gave a detailed report on negotiations with Permanente Plant on wages and working conditions. Sugar Workers, good meeting and helping to sign up Truck Drivers hauling beets with the Warehousemen's Union.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
Negotiating committee, waited on Mr. Moss of Modern Linen as requested by the Council. Mr. Page, owner, is vacationing and is not available to sign the contract. A meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10 with Mr. Page.

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
State Federation of Labor thanking the Council for its prompt answer regarding the plumbing of pre-fab homes in Salinas. Pasadena Central Council Resolution asking concurrence. Motion made by Bro. Mattos and seconded by Bro. McGran that resolution from Pasadena be referred to Executive Board for recommendation at the next regular meeting. Motion lost. Referred to New Business. Lumber and Sawmill Workers, thanking the Council for their worthy contribution. Central Labor Council of Orange County now have a radio program, Station KVOE. Thanked Council for contribution. Social Security Board in answer to our request for Mr. Borchardt's appearance at the Council meeting; he will state his visit and date. Weekly News Letter placed on file.

Bills: Cahoon Transfer O.K.'d by the trustees. Telephone, ordered paid. Withholding tax, ordered paid. Motion made by Bro. Everly and seconded by Bro. McGran that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
Resolution from Pasadena, San Gabriel Valley Central Labor Council. Motion made by Brother Miller and seconded by Brother Everly that we concur in the resolution. Motion carried. Culinary Alliance requests knowledge as to any new members of Central Council attending convention. Sister Mae Stoneman to act as a delegate from the Culinary and many Central Councils. Sister Stoneman would be pleased to represent this Council. Motion made by Brother Everly and seconded by Brother Miller that Sister Stoneman represent this Council at the Convention in October. Motion carried.

**GOOD OF THE COUNCIL**  
The old seats in the rear shed came up for much discussion. Many suggestions were offered as to what action should be taken. Suggested that an ad be placed in the paper. Motion made by Brother Peterson and seconded by Brother McGran that the trustees use their own discretion in disposing of the affair. Motion carried.

Financial report given by Sister Boles.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Fraternally submitted,  
BERTHA A. BOLES,  
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PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS NO. 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street at 8 p.m. President, Howard Tretzel, Serra Hotel, Monterey; Secretary, H. Diaz, 1271 3rd Street, Monterey, phone 7986.

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ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., James M. Ray, 525 San Benito, Salinas, phone 9034; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

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TEACHERS (MONTEREY COUNTY FEDERATED) 457—Meet in Monterey second Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. Fin.-Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, phone 7622.

TEAMSTERS (GENERAL AND AUTO DRIVERS) 287—Meets second Wednesday at Teamsters' Hall, Main and John Sts., Salinas, at 8 p.m. President, Thos. M. Brett, 941 The Alameda, San Jose, phone Ballard 6315. Secretary and Business Agent, George W. Jenott, address same. Monterey County Representative, Frank Stevens, Office at Main and John Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 346 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, phone 167.

WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEES UNION, LOCAL 890—Meets first Tuesday night, Teamsters Hall; office at Teamsters Hall, John and Main St. Phone 4893; Pres., Albert A. Harris; Rec.-Sec., Wm. G. Kenyon; Sec.-Treas. and Bus. Rep., Peter A. Adrade.

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## Bldg. Trades Council Minutes

Minutes of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County, Sept. 5, 1946. Meeting called to order by President W. J. Dickerson 8:00 p.m.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Uhl, Fralick and Smiley, General Contractors, who are planning to build several homes in this area, were present seeking information on how to obtain help for their construction.

Mr. Fralick acted as spokesman for the firm, they have not planned the work completely, but have a considerable material earmarked for their work. They expect to build homes for Veterans according to the government standards that will sell in line with what the veteran can afford to pay. He says as mass-production not prefabricated homes.

Several questions were asked by the delegates which were answered by the speaker.

Roll call showed 18 delegates from ten local unions present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Credentials were received from Hod Carriers and Laborers L.U. 690 for S. M. Thomas and from General Truck Drivers L.U. 289 for Brother Paul Chedester. It was moved and seconded that the credentials be received and the delegates seated. (Carried.)

All bills were ordered paid.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Received a report from the Building and Construction Trades Dept., setting forth the understanding between the Housing Expediter and the Building and Construction Trades Dept.

A letter from Boilermakers L.U. 6, quoting their wage rates and calling attention that there is now a firm in Monterey capable of handling any and all boiler work and asked the support of the Council.

A letter from the Industrial Indemnity Co., asking that in any case covered by them to correspond directly with their office as they

are anxious to meet all claims due any injured claimant.

Received a copy of the agreement of Tile Layers L.U. 19.

A letter from Eighth Vice President of the State Federation of Labor Anthony Agrillo. Filed.

A letter from General President of State Building and Construction Trades Council of California F. C. MacDonald. Filed.

Three News Letters and the quarterly bulletin from the Calif. State Federation of Labor.

A letter from Joseph Marshall, reporting a housing project near Salinas in the Spreckels area.

### BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Brother Floyd O. Easton reports his findings for the past three weeks. He could not reach an agreement with Mr. Bridled. Met Mr. Uhl, who is planning to build several new homes in the City of Pacific Grove.

Brother Thomas, L.U. 690, reports a meeting with Brother M. G. Murphy of Operating Engineers L.U. No. 3, and the organizing of two sand plants.

The reports were accepted.

### REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brother Burke, Painters L.U. 272—Initiated two new members, sent two delegates to the National Convention in San Francisco.

Brother Hagar, L.U. 272, reports the Painters have elected a business agent for a few weeks.

Brother W. T. Evans, Carpenters L.U. 1323—Good meeting; initiated seven new members. We did not meet Sept. 2, that was Labor Day.

Brother S. M. Thomas, Laborers L.U. 690—We meet twice a month and we initiate more each meeting.

Brother Tretzel, Plumbers L.U. 62—We have had several reports of violations of Saturday and Sunday working rules, and we are placing a committee in the field to check some of these reports.

### NEW BUSINESS

It being pointed out that over 50 per cent of the Local Unions have

## No Wonder They Preferred This One As Secret!

Detroit, Mich.

Announcing a number of cash awards for improving Detroit city government, the employer-controlled Bureau of Governmental Research kept Award No. 9 anonymous, though all other winners were identified by name and department. The ninth award—\$50 to "Anonymous"—was given for a suggestion to cut the wage scale of librarians or put them out of a job "by making charging of books a clerical function instead of using professional librarians for this routine job."

## Just a Mutt

One by one, old beliefs are being shattered. Until just the other day, a bloodhound was a bloodhound, an infallible dog that could track a criminal or a lost child over mountains, swamps, or burning deserts. The dream broke in Stamford, Connecticut, when cops found a lone bloodhound anxiously sniffing around the business district. After a couple of days of that, they decided it was lost and couldn't even retrace its own steps.

Admission Day listed in their agreements as a holiday. It was moved and seconded that all crafts be instructed to observe Admission Day as a Building Trades holiday. (Carried.)

The business manager was instructed to report to the local newspaper that the Building and Construction Trades Council is observing Admission Day, Sept. 9, as a holiday.

### GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

Brother Evans reports his visits to Mr. Uhl's project, that they are not too sure of a crew needed.

No further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

L. T. LONG, Secy.

## Detroit Editor Hits Injunction Against Unions

Detroit, Michigan.

What the Detroit Labor News terms "a plague of injunctions from the Wayne County circuit court judges in recent months," draws a hot blast from that official organ of the Detroit & Wayne County Federation of Labor (AFL), which makes some broad insinuations against the Jurists in labor cases.

"There has already been disclosed enough," the News declares, "to substantially indicate that the winning of injunctions is not being done in open court but rather in the cocktail rooms of some of our private clubs. Are some of the judges trying to augment their 'meagre' income by acting as corporation lawyers on the bench?"

"Officials of trade unions in establishing picket lines should make sure that their picket lines are peaceable—and, come hell and high water, injunctions notwithstanding, should maintain that picket line until the public is fully acquainted with the strike. The American nation was not born out of a philosophy that illegal and unreasonable orders must be observed."

Both AFL and CIO unions have been hampered in lawful picketing by injunctions since the first of the year.

## "US Maritime Suicide"

United States is "committing economic maritime suicide" for the second time in a generation, Capt. M. E. Crossman, formerly head of the Maritime Service Training Program at Alameda, told Disabled American Veterans in Portland, Oregon, last week. He said neglect of the merchant marine may lead us to another war and advocated a permanent government training program and replacement of obsolete vessels.

## CARPENTER ROUNDUP

The Soledad Prison construction job, which is planning to use all convict labor, finally found a man to serve as foreman for the project, reports George Harter, business agent of Carpenters 925.

A contractor whose operations have been very small reportedly will take over the \$3,000,000 project, Harter said.

The Carpenters' Union and a number of other building trades crafts have joined in a protest against use of convict labor on the building project but have received no reversal of state plans, Harter said.

Wooden quanset-type buildings are being constructed for warehouses and other uses in and near Spreckels, by the Gray Construction Co., reports Bro. Harter.

There has been no further influx of redwood lumber from the strike-bound mills of Humboldt and Mendocino Counties, Harter says. A constant check is being kept to prevent use of such struck materials in the Salinas area.

Negotiations for a new contract between Carpenters Union 9245 and the Independent Contractors Association will start soon, Harter reports.

The Independent Contractors will be asked to sign an agreement similar to that recently negotiated between the State Council of Carpenters and the Associated General Contractors of California for member contractors in 46 Northern California counties.

## That Settled It

Two young Scotsmen were at loggerheads over the division of the estate which had been left jointly to them in their father's will. As a last resort they agreed to accept the decision of an old friend of the family.

"Boys," said this wise man. "Donald will divide up the estate exactly as he thinks fit."

At this Donald's face beamed, but that of Hamish grew visibly longer.

"And then," continued the arbitrator, "Hamish will take whichever half he prefers."

A nation rotten within is soon smitten from without.

## Court of Appeal Rejects Proposal From Landlords

New York City

In a major blow at rent-boosting landlords, the U.S. emergency court of appeals announced rejection of a landlord's application for permission to raise his rentals 15 per cent.

In handing down its ruling, the court pointed out that according to OPA figures New York landlords are getting 23 per cent more profit under OPA control than they received in 1939, because of maximum apartment occupancy and the decrease in competitive costs.

Landlords argued they needed the rent boost because of increased wages and maintenance costs plus the cost of making repairs that had been put off during the war years, but the court pointed to the increased profits despite these problems.

The decision brought to an end a 2-year campaign by the Metropolitan Fair Rent Committee, a landlord organization, to raise New York rents. An earlier court decision granted them permission to raise rents on apartments bringing over \$100 monthly.

When the OPA demanded and obtained a rehearing of the case, the landlords decided to raise their bid to 15 per cent. Local OPA officials estimated the rent boost, if it had gone through, would have cost New York apartment dwellers \$150 million a year.

## Switchmen's Official Dies; Served 20 Years

Buffalo, N.Y.

John Lundergan, for 20 years an international vice-president of the Switchmen's Union (AFL), died here from a cerebral hemorrhage.

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